

CARDIFF SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1888 Montgomery Avenue  
Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California 92007

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2009**

The regular/organizational meeting of the Governing Board of the Cardiff School District was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Cardiff School, 1888 Montgomery Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California. The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 5:02 p.m. and led Trustees and visitors in the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Coakley, Agran, Stewart, Brown III

Members absent: Orr

Administrators  
present: Pellegrino, Parker, Heichel

Visitors: Trish d'Entremont, CETA  
Cindy Hellmann, CETA  
Jim Cheeseman  
Michelle Melton  
Donna Kulbacki

Rhea Stewart was appointed President of the Board for 2010.

MOTION: Coakley  
SECOND: Brown  
CARRIED: 4:0

Ms. Stewart presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Gail Coakley was elected Clerk of the Governing Board.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Agran  
CARRIED: 4:0

The following appointments were made:

1. The Superintendent was appointed secretary to the Board of Trustees.
2. Andy Brown was appointed representative to the Trustee Review Committee of the North Coastal Consortium for Special Education.

3. Gail Coakley and Nancy Orr were appointed to the City of Encinitas School District Liaison Committee.

The regular meetings of the Governing Board for 2010 were scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Cardiff School, 1888 Montgomery Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
Wednesday, May 12, 2010  
Wednesday, June 16, 2010  
Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
Wednesday, August 18, 2010  
Wednesday, September 15, 2010  
Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
Wednesday, November 17, 2010  
Wednesday, December 15, 2010

The agenda for December 15, 2009 was approved as presented.

MOTION: Coakley  
SECOND: Brown  
CARRIED: 4:0

The minutes from the regular meeting of November 18, 2009 were approved as written.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Agran  
CARRIED: 4:0

Hearing Session:

- Michelle Melton addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the way that students are now recognized for their achievement in honor roll and principal's honor roll.
- Mr. Jim Cheeseman presented a letter to the Board addressing some recent IEP concerns relating to his son.
- Trish d'Entremont read a letter expressing the concerns teachers have with the District's proposal. Ms. d'Entremont reported that when the CETA negotiating team next meets with District representatives they will present a proposal that reflecting their concerns.

Hearing Session continued:

- Julie Parker reported School Site Council had one of their best attended meetings. Keith Carter was elected Chairperson. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Greta Ott reported parent participation in Cardiff SEA is at 16%. The next big event is the Gala which takes place in March. Information can be found on their website.
- Julie Parker reported she has been busy with classroom holiday projects. There is an awards assembly on Friday. It is also pajama day. Ms. Parker will be attending a Barnes & Noble fundraiser tonight.
- Jill Heichel reported there are holiday projects happening at Ada Harris also. The band concert took place last Thursday. Teachers at Cardiff and Ada Harris are participating in the "Guitars in the Classroom" program. The citizenship awards and pajama day are on Friday.
- Superintendent Pellegrino reminded Trustees that the holiday party is tomorrow. The Ada Harris band is going to be performing at Cardiff School tomorrow at 1:45. Mr. Pellegrino reported the Bond rating changed from A+ to AA, which will allow a better interest rate. This could be a potential savings of \$300 to \$500 for taxpayers.

The consent calendar was approved as presented.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Coakley  
CARRIED: 4:0

Superintendent Pellegrino reported he met with the teachers and presented them with the District's salary rollback proposal. He is also meeting with the parent/community group on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

The budget changes through October 31, 2009 were approved.

MOTION: Agran  
SECOND: Coakley  
CARRIED: 4:0

The First Interim Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2009 was approved.

MOTION: Coakley  
SECOND: Brown  
CARRIED: 4:0

The first reading and review of the Cardiff School District Strategic Plan 2009-14 was done. The plan will be adopted next month.

The school calendar for the 2010-11 year was adopted as presented. The calendar for 2011-12 was tabled to February due to a date modification that needed to be done for the New Year's holiday in January 2012.

MOTION: Agran  
SECOND: Coakley  
CARRIED: 4:0

The annual audit report was reviewed and accepted.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Agran  
CARRIED: 4:0

Trustee Agran thanked his fellow Board members for the camaraderie. It was truly a rewarding, and enriching experience serving on this board for the last three years. He said that after being part of this Community for the last ten years as a parent, volunteer, and community member, it is time to move on.

The board voted to make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Agran.

MOTION: Agran  
SECOND: Brown  
CARRIED: 4:0

The timeline for the provisional appointment was discussed and the dates for the application deadline and candidate interviews were approved. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on January 19, 2010. A special board meeting will take place on January 27, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. for candidate interviews.

MOTION: Brown  
SECOND: Coakley  
CARRIED: 4:0

Future agenda items:

1. Approval of Strategic Plan
2. Approval of 2011-12 School Calendar

There being no other regular business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m. President Stewart reported that no action was taken during the closed session. There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Coakley, Clerk

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Tom Pellegrino, Superintendent